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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Apr-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 04/15/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/08/06
Broiler/fryer	161,391	164,804
Light hens	1,102	1,222
Heavy hens	1,332	1,505

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 08-Apr-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	194	0	194
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	339	0	339
Same week yr ago	362	0	362
To-date/2006	3,546	7	3,553
To-date/2005	4,226	11	4,237

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,379	1,552	2,931
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,505	1,433	2,938
Same week yr ago	2,102	1,314	3,416
To-date/2006	20,494	20,211	40,705
To-date/2005	25,268	18,423	43,691

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 08-April-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	162,595	1,185	1,552	2,737
Avg Wt	5.34	3.30	8.14	6.04
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	161,822	1,166	1,433	2,599
Same wk yr ago	157,429	1,740	1,314	3,054
Avg Wt	5.21	3.31	7.95	5.31
To-date/2006	2,251,168	16,948	20,204	37,152
To-date/2005	2,189,629	21,042	18,412	39,454

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.6 million head, or 1.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 01-Apr-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	29,243	18,392	56,528
Avg Weight	3.59	4.66	6.35
% of total /1	28%	18%	54%
Last week	30,065	16,890	53,424
Avg Weight	3.73	4.83	6.44
% of total /1	30%	17%	53%
Same week, yr ago /2	33,681	19,740	50,865
Avg Weight	3.75	4.75	6.28
% of total /1	32%	19%	49%
To date/2006	357,960	235,368	703,684
To date/2005	357,420	274,013	614,955

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 08-Apr-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,214	2,458	22	8	4,702
Avg Wt	18.30	38.47	26.01	34.60	28.91
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,147	2,537	0	3	4,687
Same wk yr ago	1,637	2,545	30	0	4,212
Avg Wt	16.16	38.16	26.85	0.00	29.53
To-date/2006	24,849	34,644	301	83	59,877
To-date/2005	21,597	35,100	344	47	57,088

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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